

~~to obtain the mycophenolate mofetil. However, this process may be accompanied with unexpected side reactions, thereby causing serious impurities of the reaction and decreasing the yield of the final product.~~

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please retain Claims 3~5 unchanged; please cancel Claim 1; and please amend Claim 2 as follows:

1. (canceled)
2. (currently amended) A process for making mycophenolate mofetil comprising the steps of:
 - A. conducting a transesterification by reacting an alkyl mycophenolate with 2-morpholinoethanol in the presence of an organic solvent and a catalyst selected from the group consisting of alkaline metal salt, alkaline earth metal salt, tin oxide and stannous oxide to produce crude mycophenolate mofetil;
 - B. adding an acid aqueous solution into said crude mycophenolate mofetil to form an acid salt of mycophenolate mofetil to be soluble in the acid aqueous solution to be separated from the unreacted reactants insoluble in the acid aqueous solution;
 - C. basifying the acid aqueous solution to be a base aqueous solution by adding a base therein; and
 - D. extracting the mycophenolate mefetil mofetil from the base aqueous solution by an extracting organic solvent, and

purifying the mycophenolate mofetil.

3. (original) A process according to Claim 2, wherein said alkyl mycophenolate is selected from the group consisting of: methyl mycophenolate, ethyl mycophenolate, propyl mycophenolate and butyl mycophenolate.
4. (original) A process according to Claim 2, wherein said catalyst is dibutyltin oxide.
5. (original) A process according to Claim 2, wherein said extracting organic solvent is selected from the group consisting of: benzene, toluene, xylene, ethyl acetate, dichloro methane, and the mixture thereof.